

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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MAY 20, 2011

The six hundred and ninety ninth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on May 20, 2011, was called to order by Chairman S. Edward Jeter at 8:33 AM in Room No. 121 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members	David H. Barkin	Board Member
	Carole W. Briggs	Board Member
Present:	Robert B. Hurd	Board Member
	S. Edward Jeter	Chairman/ Board Member
	Pauline S. Morales	Board Member

Board Members

Not Present: None.

Vacancy: None

Others Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection
	Richard E. Maloney	Director, Trade Practices Division
	Peter R. Huntsman	Attorney General's Office
	Diane Harp Jones	AIA/CT
	Ahmed A. Dadi	Professional Engineer

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1. Old Business

1A. Submission of the minutes of the March 18, 2011 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. Mr. Jeter and Mr. Hurd noted the following corrections in the minutes; page two; fourth paragraph; line one "Mr. Anton" shall be changed to "Mr. Wagner" and on line four, after the word "accredited", add the word "degree". On page four; Agenda Item 2E. (1); line six; change "can" to "came". *After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as amended herein. (Briggs/Hurd)*

1B. Report from Mr. Robert B. Hurd regarding Unbound NCARB Council Record for applicant Matthew Anton Wagner, NCARB File No. 212773, for examination against State of Connecticut requirements for admission to the Architect Registration Examination as requested by NCARB. Mr. Hurd will update the Board on his review of this application.

Mr. Hurd reviewed the candidate's educational and professional background for the Board noting that he exceeded NCARB's training standard by approximately 500 units. Mr. Hurd noted that Mr. Wagner doesn't qualify to sit for the A.R.E. in New Jersey and told the Board prior that he has employment contacts in Connecticut through his family and that he wishes to pursue residential architecture. Mr. Hurd recommends that the Board allow this candidate to take the test based upon his four year degree and approximately six years of training match what the NCARB requirement is for a Broadly Experienced Architect Applicant which is a four year pre-professional degree and six years of training.

Mr. Barkin noted that the candidate has approximately three years of experience working for an architect. He also asked for clarification on NCARB's *BEA Program* relative to this candidate. Mr. Barkin does not believe that Mr. Wagner qualifies to sit for the exam and disagrees with Mr. Hurd's recommendation. It appears to him that Mr. Wagner is coming to Connecticut because his home State denied him. Further, Mr. Barkin does not want Connecticut to become a clearing House for candidates that are denied in their home State barring very unusual circumstances which Mr. Barkin does see in this application.

Ms. Briggs note that if the candidate qualifies under Connecticut's requirements based on Mr. Hurd's review of his materials, where the candidate lives or doesn't live is irrelevant. The issue is whether the Board believes the candidate is eligible under their criteria to take the exam. Mr. Barkin is not convinced that Mr. Wagner is qualified. **Ms. Briggs motioned in favor of allowing Mr. Wagner to sit for the examination; Mr. Jeter seconded the motion.** Mr. Barkin believes that this candidate does not have enough work experience to make up for his lack of an accredited degree. The candidate's credentials do not meet the minimum that Mr. Barkin believes would be in the best interest of public safety in the State of Connecticut.

Ms. Morales had questions regarding NCARB's training requirements which the Board discussed at length in an attempt to clarify the standard. The Board also explained to her the various education paths a candidate may follow towards getting their architect's license and discussed, in depth, Mr. Wagner's educational background.

After extensive discussion, the Architectural Licensing Board voted to deny Mr. Wagner's application for a Connecticut Architect License by Written Examination. (Briggs/Jeter in favor; Barkin/Morales not in favor; Mr. Hurd abstained from the vote.)

2. New Business

2A. Appearance before the Board by Mr. Ahmed A. Dadi for consideration to sit for the Architect Registration Examination. Mr. Dadi addressed the Board and reviewed both his educational and professional background in detail. He noted that his educational background was based on the British system. Mr. Dadi referenced the area of the law which permits engineers to perform architectural work considered to be incidental to the primary engineering work. He noted that over the course of his career, many Building Officials in Connecticut have permitted engineers to submit architectural plans.

Mr. Jeter noted that Mr. Dadi has no formal education in architecture to which Mr. Dadi explained that his architectural training was integral with his engineering training. Mr. Jeter asked if Mr. Barkin if he would be willing to step down and review Mr. Dadi's file to which he agreed. Mr. Barkin will report back to the Board at their next meeting scheduled for July 15, 2011.

2B. E-Mail from James B. DeStefano, P.E. dated March 7, 2011 seeking consideration to apply for an Architect license in Connecticut. It was noted that Mr. DeStefano is a licensed architect in New Jersey. Also, Mr. Kuzmich stated that he worked with Mr. DeStefano early in his professional career. Mr. Hurd noted that he recently attended a program that Mr. Destefano did for AIA/CT in which Mr. DeStefano was erudite; entertaining, informative, and a very knowledgeable individual. Mr. Hurd volunteered to step down from the Board to review Mr. DeStefano's file. He asked that Mr. DeStefano provide him his grades on the A.R.E from the New Jersey and a more detailed resume. Mr. DeStefano is not able to apply for a license in Connecticut by Direct Endorsement because he has been licensed as an architect less than ten years.

2C. Unbound NCARB Council Record for applicant Joseph Vilela, NCARB File No. 224373, for examination against State of Connecticut requirements for admission to the Architect Registration Examination as requested by the applicant. Mr. Kuzmich noted that this application came directly from the candidate and not from the NCARB. Mr. Jeter volunteered to step down from the Board to review Mr. Vilela's file and will report back to the Board at their next meeting in July.

2D. Draft letter concerning “Use Of The Term Architect”; for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Jeter noted that he drafted this letter four years ago and is currently unable to identify his sources he attributed to the information he listed in italics in the letter. Mr. Hurd suggested that perhaps Mr. Jeter could work with the balance of information which primarily comes from the General Statutes and that is the Board’s primary focus on this issue.

2E. Resolutions To Be Acted Upon at the 2011 NCARB Annual Meeting and Conference; for review and action. The Board discussed several Resolutions, in detail, and left their voting delegate, Mr. Jeter with the instructions to vote for each Resolution as he sees appropriate at the time the vote is taken.

2F. The following candidates have passed the Architect Registration Examination and are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as Architects in the State of Connecticut; the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)

1. Nathaniel Aaron Moore
2. Sandra B. Toste

2G. Applications for licensing by waiver of examination; the following individuals are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut on the basis of waiver of examination with an NCARB Certificate Record or by Direct Endorsement; ***the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)***

1.	Beiran, Ralph	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 109777)
2.	Carter, Christina H.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 305133)
3.	Dakin, Scott R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 93540)
4.	Fazio, David M.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 66467)
5.	Fugate, Hunt	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No.26119)
6.	Hutker Mark	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 56362)
7.	Kahanek, Christopher B.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 135283)
8.	Kawalek, Stephen M.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 94899)
9.	Lloyd, Jr., Ronald D.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 52255)
10.	Maggi, Paul C.	Waiver of Examination; New Hampshire	(NCARB File No. 60388)
11.	McClung, Michael O.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 135912)
12.	Noe, Gerald P.	Waiver of Examination; Nebraska	(NCARB File No. 21511)
13.	Oh, Garner	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 99112)
14.	Palmerini, Roberto	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
15.	Piccirillo, Michael A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
16.	Prifti, Michael L.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 65836)
17.	Rutkowski-Hanks, Darlene	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	Direct
18.	Salopek, Mark S.	Waiver of Examination; Wyoming	(NCARB File No. 57783)

19.	Smith, Cass C.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 97851)
20.	Solnik, Fanny R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
21.	Stiles, Douglas R.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	Direct
22.	Strauss, Jessica	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 81300)
23.	Tenney, III, Daniel G.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	Direct
24.	Wagner, Adam L.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 91845)
25.	Wohl, Sigmund	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
26.	Young, Steven C.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	Direct
27.	Zecher, Stephen	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	Direct

2H. Application of Ms. Fereshteh Bekhrad for license by Waiver of Examination by Direct Endorsement; for review and discussion by Board. Mr. Kuzmich explained that Ms. Bekhrad was initially licensed in New York State but did not pass the Architect Registration Examination. The New York State Board interviewed this candidate in substitution for the A.R.E. Mr. Kuzmich spoke with Mr. Rob Lopez from the New York State Education Department regarding this candidate. Mr. Lopez noted that in his opinion, the inter process in place in New York State at that time was in no way equivalent to taking the *Architect Registration Examination*. As such, Mr. Barkin volunteered to step down from the Board to review this application and report back to the Board at their July 15, 2011 regular Board Meeting.

2I. Applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture; the Department has reviewed and recommends for approval the following application; ***the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture in Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)***

Ratliff Architecture, P.C.
720 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Michael J. Ratliff, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 12150

2J. Correspondence from Mr. Steven Schwane, dated May 10, 2011, concerning File No. 2009-5298. This case was assigned to Mr. Jeter who volunteered to step down from the Board to assist the Department in this matter.

2K. Update from Trade Practices Division; Mr. Richard E. Maloney, Director, Trade Practices Division, is scheduled to address the Board. Mr. Maloney introduced two Interns that are with him today assigned to the Department in the Real Estate Division for the summer while attending school at the University of Connecticut. Mr. Maloney gave the Board an overview of the complaints the Department has seen in the last year.

Many complaints are cases of misrepresentation in the marketplace. He elaborated on some of the details of past cases for the Board's information. Mr. Maloney stated that the Department had nine cases this past year and is basically caught up with this Board's complaints. He also noted that Mr. Schwane brought a recommendation from the Department on one of these cases to the Board for their approval in the past year. Mr. Maloney stated that the Department has currently undertaken a very complicated

complaint for which they asked for the Board's assistance. Mr. Jeter noted that he has volunteered to help the Department with this case.

Mr. Jeter stated that the Board, in the past, has received a report in the past for Ms. Linda Roberts that was very satisfactory to the Board in its format and information and requested that this style of report continue. His Division will continue to give the Board complaint reports in advance of their bi-monthly meetings and invited the Board to contact him at any time if they should have any questions. Mr. Maloney noted that he has one investigator assigned to this Board.

2L. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM. (Briggs/Hurd) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, July 15, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 121; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator